Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are the ryots allowed to shoot the elephants?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are they allowed to shoot wild animals?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Not within the reserve forests. But in assigned lands they can.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know which are the places likely to be affected by elephants in the Cochin State?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I cannot say; it is a very large extent.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Any rough idea?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—The assigned lands extend to so many hundreds of miles, I cannot say exactly or roughly.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Whether there was any trouble to crops from the elephants before the Government stopped the catching of elephants?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—There used to be occasional complaints.

Dr. M. J. Ittoop, General Hospital.

60. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether enquiries were made regarding the remarks of the Sub-Judge of British Cochin Sub-Court about Doctor M. J. Ittoop of the Ernakulam Hospital "That he is not worth the salt he is eating"; if so what was the result of the enquiry?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Necessary enquiries are being made.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was this report made to the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A few months ago.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How many months?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A few months, about four or five.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was a similar question asked in this Council in one of its previous sessions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I don't remember exactly.

President.—There might be. I remember some such question was put here.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want to know whether a similar answer was given then also.

President.—The thing is Government could not come to a decision without getting copies of the depositions, and we have asked the Agent to the Governor-General to furnish us with copies of the depositions, and I think one or two days ago they were received, and there won't be any further delay in disposing of the matter.

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